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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell Attorney General Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On March 13, 1978, Mr. Michael P. Saba filed an affidavit with the Department of Justice, which resulted in an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of allegations concerning Stephen Bryen, a member of the staff of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

In a meeting today of the Committee's Personnel Subcommittee, it was agreed that the Department of Justice would be advised of the Subcommittee's deep concern over the delay in the completion of the investigation of Mr. Bryen. In view of the fact that the investigation could continue indefinitely, the Personnel Subcommittee, with the concurrence of Senators Stone and Baker, the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, respectively, of the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee, decided to have Mr. Bryen return to his duties with the Committee on June 12, 1978. However, in the meantime, if the Department of Justice or any other appropriate agency of the Executive Branch has reservations about the continuation of Mr. Bryen's security clearances, we would appreciate the Committee's being advised at once. If such concerns are communicated to the Committee, arrangements will then be made for the Subcommittee to receive testimony on the matter from appropriate Executive Branch witnesses.

A similar letter is being sent to the Secretary of Defense since the Department of Defense granted Mr. Bryen's security clearance.

With best wishes, we are

Clifford P. Case Ranking Member

Sincerely,

Honorable Stansfield Turner

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